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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3186)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate March 7, 2018)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing certain vans and pickups to be used as school
2 buses.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.373, subsection 3, Code 2018, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. a. The rules prescribed for school buses shall include
4 special rules for passenger automobiles, and other vehicles
5 designed to carry eight or fewer pupils, when used as school
6 buses. The rules shall allow pickups designed to carry nine
7 passengers or less, including the driver, and weighing ten
8 thousand pounds or less, to be used as school buses if such a
9 pickup does not carry more passengers than there are safety
10 belts or safety harnesses in the pickup as installed by the
11 manufacturer and if such a pickup is not operated while any
12 passenger is present in the bed of the pickup. The operator
13 of a pickup used as a school bus pursuant to such rules shall
14 comply with the qualification, licensing, and instruction
15 requirements set forth in sections 321.375 and 321.376, other
16 than the requirement to obtain a commercial driver's license.
17 However, the rules shall allow the board of directors of a
18 school district to prohibit the use of pickups as school buses
19 by the school district.

20 b. The rules prescribed for school buses shall allow
21 passenger vans designed to carry twelve or fewer passengers,
22 including the driver, and weighing ten thousand pounds or less,
23 to be used as school buses if such a van does not carry more
24 passengers than there are safety belts or safety harnesses in
25 the van as installed by the manufacturer. The operator of a
26 van used as a school bus pursuant to such rules shall comply
27 with the qualification, licensing, and instruction requirements
28 set forth in sections 321.375 and 321.376.